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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and within three (3) months of the mailing date of the foreign search report.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The attached Abstracts are in English. Additionally, the following translation of remarks in the Japanese search report discusses the relevance of each document:

Record (Refer to the List of Cited Literature, etc. for the cited literature.)

Cited Literature 1 to 9 in relation to Claims 1 to 14

Remarks

Regarding Claims 1 to 2, and 4 to 6

Described in Cited Literature 1 to 6 is the well-known technical concept of a closed switching system in which multiple extension numbers are copied to a terminal housed in a switching station, and a circuit is set up for every extension number.

Described in Cited Literature 7 and 8 is the well-known technical concept of a having mobile stations as the extension terminals of a closed switching system, and of offering the services offered to fixed terminals to the mobile stations as well.

Described in Cited Literature 9 is the well-known technical concept of having multiple telephone numbers given to a mobile station.

Moreover, a person skilled in the art could suitably design a means to give extension numbers.

Regarding Claim 3

Providing a terminal a forwarding function is nothing more than an ordinary technique.

Regarding Claims 7 to 8

That a line key button should be provided for setting up multiple circuits on a mobile station is obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Regarding Claims 9 to 14

A person skilled in the art could suitably design the various subunits of the configuration.

List of Cited Literature, etc.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. S61-65654

2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. S61-242446
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H3-285490
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H2-69094
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H7-30656
6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H10-327437
7. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H9-9354
8. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H9-28440
9. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 7-274255

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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